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Ms. Cynthia A. Brown
Chief of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington DC 20423-0001

RE: RD 35559, Saratoga and North Creek Railway, LLC
- Operation Exemption - Tahawus Line

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Indian Lake located in the County of Hamilton in upstate New York. I am expressing my support for the application submitted by the Saratoga and North Creek Railway, LLC, for an exemption to provide common carrier freight service over the Tahawas Line.

The attached Resolution states, provision of freight rail service over this line is crucial to the economic well-being of this portion of northern New York State including the Towns of Newcomb and Minerva, the County of Essex and the surrounding communities.

Please consider our views in rejecting the arguments presented by those who oppose the provision of common carrier freight railroad service.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian E. Wells, Town Supervisor



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RESOLUTION # 4 OF 2012
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SARATOGA AND
NORTH CREEK RAILWAYS APPLICATION TO THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR RE-
ACTIVATION OF TAHAWAS - NORTH CREEK RAIL LINE

WHEREAS, Saratoga and North Creek Railway has applied to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) for an exemption to re-activate the Tahawus - North Creek Rail line, **AND;**

WHEREAS, NL Industries considered the option of the rail and tie removal in the early 1990's to salvage the scrap value and to provide property tax relief, **AND;**

WHEREAS, The Towns of Newcomb and Minerva promoted a transfer of conditional ownership to the Essex County Industrial Development Agency to provide for property tax relief, **AND;**

WHEREAS, the primary reasoning for the actions of the Towns of

Newcomb and Minerva was the recognition of the many assets located at the Tahawas site and the possible need for rail traffic to fully realize the potential job creation by the use of those assets, **AND;**

WHEREAS, it is the interest of the Towns of Newcomb and Minerva, the County of Essex, and the surrounding Adirondack communities to utilize the assets located at Tahawus , **AND;**

WHEREAS, the North Country Regional Council Plan, recently completed, identified restoration of rail service as a major component of the regions economic health and called for the retention of all existing rail lines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Indian Lake fully supports Saratoga and North Creeks Railways's application to the STB and commits it resources to a grant of the railroad's application.

I, Julie A. Clawson, Town Clerk of the Town of Indian Lake in the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original resolution filed in this office this 14th day of February 2012, and it is a true and correct copy thereof.

In testimony thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Town of Indian Lake on this 14th day of February 2012.


Julie A. Clawson, Town Clerk

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**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

FD 35559

**SARATOGA AND NORTH CREEK RAILWAY, LLC
- OPERATION EXEMPTION -
TAHAWUS LINE**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I mailed a copy of the "Support Transmittal Letter" of Saratoga and North Creek Railway, LLC, dated January 20, 2012, in the above-captioned proceeding by first class United States Mail and/or electronic transmission to all parties on the Board's service list on February 23, 2012:



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